

DISTRICT SEVEN SAFETY MEETING

January 19, 2009
At Covenant Lutheran Church
8121 W. Hope Avenue
6:30 PM

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Ofc. Shellee Lubus called the meeting to order.
- II. **PRESENTATION: PERSONAL SAFETY CLASSES—Teanis Tillmon, formerly of the Pewaukee Police Department**

“Seven Keys to Personal Development for Street Survival/Awareness”
a program of workshops and seminars dealing with self-defense methods.
Mr. Tillmon also sells pepper spray. Any questions can be addressed by
calling 262-227-6202 or emailing teanisjr@sbcglobal.net
- III. **COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS—Detectives, Kathleen Hein and Gilbert Hernandez**

The program was established in the Fall, 2007. The MPD removed these detectives from general rotation to work exclusively with unsolved homicide cases going back to the 1920s. They believe that victims should not be forgotten. If the case still has some activity, they will scrutinize all the associated records to answer any unanswered questions. Often, family members keep the case alive by calling in periodically. The homicide detectives will also go back to interview any possible witnesses and suspects again looking for the Who? What? When? Where? and Why? And pursue any lead that is offered.

They use a variety of resources such as the media, the Internet, the Medical Examiner's records, Wisconsin Crime Lab records and a variety of hotlines and other cold case squads around the country.

The unit has cleared five old cases with arrests. The Milwaukee Police Department is proud of their record of clearing about 93% of homicides that have occurred within the city, far greater than any other city in the country.
- IV. **CRIME REVIEW—Captain Patrick Mitchell**

Criminal activity has been somewhat quiet due to the cold weather, however, crimes of opportunity occur regardless of weather.

Burglary: There have been 70 reported burglaries with no identifiable trend particularly, but not limited to, the area of 70th –75th and Grantosa. In the N. 4800 block, two occupied homes were broken into. One of the suspects left a shoeprint with a shamrock design in the area.

Armed Robbery: Usually on the rise during the holidays. Within the last three weeks, there have been **30** reported robberies compared to the usual **36**. Most have occurred along Fond Du Lac Avenue from 35th and Burleigh to Hampton and the Mid-Town area on Capitol Drive. Be aware and alert.

Auto Theft: Has gone down slightly recently. There were three cars left running with the keys in the ignition. It is illegal to “warm up” your car with the keys in and the doors unlocked on a public street/parking lot. You can get a ticket. Take extra precaution when doing so on your private property.

Shootings—there has been a rash of shootings in taverns. The police have created a “Tavern Squad” They can make unannounced stops to inspect taverns, hoping to convince patrons to leave their guns at home and to comply with occupancy and behavior issues.

A police related shooting occurred at 48th and Burleigh where the suspect died at the scene. The police stopped a car for erratic driving and a violent confrontation ensued. Drugs were recovered.

There are about 1000 traffic stops a month for missing plates, lights and other issues.

Nuisance Issues: a problem property at 4720 W. Burleigh has finally been boarded up by the city. The area is still working on the defunct BP station at 5100 W. Burleigh.

V. UPDATE: “ LIGHTS FOR SAFETY PROJECT” Steve O’Connell, Squad Representative on the District Wide Block Watch Council

Steve met with the Electricians’ Union. The union is looking forward to this project to put lights in the neighborhoods where they are needed and requested. Bright lights discourage criminal activity. Residents in District Seven who belong to a Block Watch can purchase outdoor lights at Lowe’s and Ace Hardware at a discounted price. Retired electricians will be paired with apprentices to install the lights on garages or houses to light up the alley and walkways along and behind your property. Residents are encouraged to contact their Block Captains in order to take advantage of this great opportunity and obtain a discount coupon.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve at 445-7472.

VI. UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR BLOCK WATCH COUNCIL – Maureen Doyle

Each police district has a Block Watch Council made up of Squad Representatives for each of the ten police squad areas within District Seven. Squad Representative serve for a term of 2 years. Some of us have served for two years and we are looking for volunteers to take our place. The two years goes quickly and require attendance at two meetings each month. The expectations for the Squad Representatives will be mailed to all Block Captains in the areas that need representation. Please seriously consider giving our city/neighborhoods the help and support we all need. You can contact Ofc. Shellee Lubus at 935-7278 or Maureen Doyle at 871-8425 if you would be willing to give your service. Your name will be put on a ballot so the Block Captains in your Squad area can vote next month.

VII. ADJOURN MEETING

NEXT SAFETY MEETING: February 16th at
Eaton Corporation
4201 N. 27th Street
at 6:30 PM